

**SC clears Pepsi of any liability in promotional flap 14 years ago**

**Marines' No. 3 resigns, cites political pressure**

**By Dona Pazilagan**  
THE THIRD HIGHEST OFFICIAL OF THE 330th Marine Corps has resigned his post, expressing disgust over alleged political interference in the service.  
Col. Orlando L. Lee of Philippine Military Academy Class '92 quit as chief of staff of the 330th Marine Corps last week.

MANILA (AP) —

**Another militant killed in Negros Or.**

**By Carlos Gomez**  
JVN Hayaan Ramon Edwin G. Fernandez  
JVN Mindanao Bureau and Liza A. del Puerto

**GUNMEN WEARING HOODS** over their heads yesterday shot dead a human rights worker in Negros Oriental, a day after motorcycle riding associates gunned down two broadcast journalists in Iloilo province City in Mindanao.

The latest spate of killings brought to at least 232 the number of soldiers killed since President Macapagal-Arroyo took office in 2001, and to 44 the number of media people murdered during that period.

The attacks on political activists and journalists have continued despite pledges from the national police that they would take steps to stop them.  
Radio Free Asia, a volunteer for the human rights group, was riding on a motorcycle when a jeep carrying four men jumped into him in Guabasan town, according to his colleagues.  
The four men then got out and shot him.

Prior to his murder, Don had received death threats from an alleged military intelligence man, Negrosan News secretary general Fred Gonzales in a talk with the bureau.  
"This is the result of the P1 billion (a two-year fund) released by GMA," said Gonzales to Don, secretary general of the military press group. Report 0007000 A11

**Call centers to earn \$7.3B by year 2010**

**By Ramon M. Domingo**

**ANNUAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS** from Philippine call centers are expected to nearly triple within the next five years as the industry expands and becomes more efficient in the operation of its work stations, an industry leader said yesterday.

Salvador Borge, a director of the Center for Government Association of the Philippines, said annual earnings of local call centers would grow to \$7.5 billion by 2010, up nearly 300 percent from projected earnings of \$2.5 billion this year.

Speaking at the opening of the Tuesday Call Center Conference and Expo 2006 being held at the Filinvest Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong City, Borge said the number of people employed by the industry would likewise increase 182 percent to 306,500 call center agents compared to only 179,000 this year.

The number of work stations in support units are expected to expand to 200,000 to 210,000 by 2010, according to Borge, who is also the president of People Support, a call center firm.

Citing figures from the industry association and the government, Borge said the annual industry conference that the annual industry conference that the

**After Pancake House, cash-flushed Lorenzos to feast on Goldilocks**

**Japan to withdraw its 550 troops from Iraq by July**

**Spain sails into World Cup second round**

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**New mountain to scale for Everest climbers**  
**By Blanche S. Rivers**  
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Everest, the first Everest to reach the world's highest peak, again comes a long way to make the national park in Nepal more accessible to the

# Gov't troops going full blast vs NPAs

**Nationwide quake drill: Duck, cover, hold**



**HOW TO KEEP BABIES SAFE:** The nationwide earthquake drill on Tuesday focused on schoolchildren in 151 pilot elementary and high schools. Nurses at the Manila District Hospital on UN Avenue in Ermita, Manila, also participated in training infants confined at the neo-intensive care unit under a cable to keep them safe from falling objects.

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONWIDE EARTHQUAKE** drill was marked by bells and alarm sounding, and students and teachers heeding the operative words "duck, cover and hold."  
The exercise went smoothly and uneventfully in various schools all over the country, but some schools did not even know, at least not late, that such a drill had been ordered.

In the 1,000-square-meter Sta. Elena

High School in Marikina City, one of the 151 pilot schools chosen from among 4,000 public elementary and high schools nationwide for the drill, the script called for three students to be knocked unconscious and 17 wounded—plus a few breaking out in the cafeteria.

The drill was attended by President Macapagal-Arroyo, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology

**No lessons learned from 7.8 Baguio earthquake**

**By PDI Northern Luzon Bureau**

**BAGUIO CITY**—THE NATIONWIDE earthquake drill on Tuesday raised old ghosts about Baguio's vulnerability to another powerful tremor, according to local engineers, teachers and social workers.

The city was nearly wiped out by the intensity-7.8 earthquake that rocked Luzon in 1990. Multiple images of the shattered remains of the Hout Towers Baguio provided the country with haunting portraits of the devastation that killed about 2,000 residents, students and tourists.  
But 16 years after the quake, firefighters who joined the drill said they were surprised to still find meter-wide corridors at a local elementary school and high school, where streets of the urban plaza drove up after the 1990 quake signed building reform for most of these institutions.

The few of existing students were distracted by classroom drills that, being national, said



**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY,** this is the way to go, teacher Benito Siquia instructs his Grade 6 pupils at the Delta Jovita Elementary School in Baguio City. Quake preparedness drills were conducted citywide.

**DND to pull out VIPs' bodyguards for combat**

**By Dona Pazilagan, Christian K. Sagvira and Renato Orjio**  
PDI Central Luzon Desk

**MOVING FULL BLAST** against communist rebels, defense officials yesterday announced they would pull out soldiers doubling as bodyguards of politicians and VIPs and send them into battle, as Church leaders appealed to Malacanan to give peace a chance.

On top of the 1,500 soldiers already recalled from Mindanao, Defense Secretary Arroyo Cruz said the military would throw 3,000 more fresh troops into the war with New People's Army rebels in Luzon.

"We are recalling soldiers assigned with other departments and from the security detail of civilians. We will also recall 400 troops detailed with the Philippine Sports Commission after the Tokyo (Asian) Games (in December). This is approximately 3,000 troops," he said.

One of the military's top counter-insurgency brigades, the 1st, Gen. Jesus P. Pineda, said he planned to deploy soldiers in 118 towns and 12 cities of Central Luzon to help President Macapagal-Arroyo to test out of defeating the insurgency within four years, or at best hope to re-organize out in "hotbed" areas in Luzon within two years.

Leaders of the country's Roman Catholic Church voiced their concern and called on the Arroyo administration to go back to the negotiating table.  
"It would be a disaster if the government would just continue with the peace talks. I'm wondering why they abandoned the peace talks," said Bishop Desiderio Balmori, head of the Bishops' Commission on Public Affairs.

Inquest said the government would not be able to stop the 27-year-old insurgency "even if you left it 100 years" and instead, "It's like a hydra—you cut off one head and there are still many others to contend with," he said.

Bishop Pedro Ortigas, spokesman of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, said the Arroyo administration should learn from history that the insurgency cannot be defeated by military force.

"That president starting from Cory (Aquino) didn't solve the insurgency. Violence against violence is not the solution," Ortigas said.

The latest military talks between the administration and the communists were held in August last year.

Referring to the 1,500 battle-tested troops that have arrived at Camp Naga in Linao City from Mindanao, Cruz told reporters: "For now, it's just these three battalions but we are forming additional battalions."

Cruz had previously announced plans to recall military troops assigned in security details of government officials and

# GI pal who invited Nicole to Subic 'feels guilty'

**By Vol. Contreras**

**WELL AHEAD OF THE ACTUAL VERDICT,** someone already pleaded "guilty" in the Subic rape trial yesterday—and he was a American.

No, he was not one of the 100 accused US Marines. It was US Navy serviceman Christopher Mills, who described himself

as a friend of the Filipino complainant, "Nicole."  
Mills had invited Nicole and her sister to join him on a vacation at the Subic Freeport before the alleged crime took place.  
"I felt guilty... sorrow... because they were friends of mine," Mills, a 27-year-old petty officer on the US Navy ship

Stockton, told the Makati City court as the 14th witness for the prosecution.  
"I couldn't wait anything bad to happen to them. They wouldn't have been there if I hadn't invited them," Mills, who had flown in from the United States, said during direct examination by state prosecutor Elizabeth Berdial.

Mills said he befriended Nicole and

her family in Zamboanga City in July 2005. He recalled dropping the callous by the victim's family inside a Philippine military base in Zamboanga City whenever the US Stockton docked to get supplies.

His appearance marked another emotional episode for Mills, before the 1 p.m.

trial resumed in the Makati City court. The trial resumed in the Makati City court. The trial resumed in the Makati City court.





## Int'l group raps killing of lawyers

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL PAC-ifying mission into the troubled Philippines of justice and human rights has confirmed the findings of previous missions that there was "a pattern of impunity" in the cases.

In Manila, a 10-day court judge in Manila, the international, told cases involving the group was

permeated that this was so because of the growing number of lawyers and judges killed.

"Every government must protect its lawyers and judges. The government must condemn the attacks," said Blos, the spokesperson of the international group of lawyers and judges.

He noted how the government had labeled lawyers defending political dissidents as "enemies of the state."

"Many lawyers were threatened and killed since the beginning of last year. A good number of them were involved in human rights advocacies," said Blos.

The Commission on Defense of Liberties, which headed the mission, told at least 13 lawyers and 10 judges have been killed during the recent administration.

"There are ongoing cases of killings. There are 'disappearances'. Whom are we afraid to kill?"

has been conducted," said Blos.

The mission's members said government authorities revealed "no satisfactory information regarding the close handling of the cases," said Blos.

In mid the mission members said they were disappointed that "they are still killing."

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# Poverty serious RP problem, Noli tells world meet

By Cynthia D. Salinas

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CAÑO and yesterday that poverty remained a serious problem in the Philippines despite government measures to improve the lives of the urban poor.

Speaking at the third session of the World Urban Forum (WUF3) organized by UN Habitat in Vancouver, Canada, De Caño said the urban poor in the Philippines had endured "mixed" results since 1990.

While the poverty incidence went

down from 44.2 percent in 1990 to 30.4 percent in 2003, the number of poor families rose to a result of population growth, migration to urban centers and limited resources to provide for the needs of the poor, he said.

De Caño spoke at the dialogue session "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): from Upgrading and Affordable Housing to 1990 documentary film "On Income Land," which mentioned the ac-

tion crisis in Manila arising from the post-1990s flood of rural migrants and the more rapid rate of spreading informal communities along Manila Bay.

"Perhaps the most dramatic signal is the consistent transformation of the archipelago into a nation of informal settlements—humble shanty towns, a ramshackle and haphazard urban," he said.

## 'Voluntary evictions'

However, their sons worry more urban poverty problems that the government will be able to address, De Caño admitted.

On the issue of "voluntary evictions" undertaken by the government to pave the way for the rehabilitation of major highways, he stressed that demolitions and evictions were needed or delayed "in line with the compound nature of informal settlers in their growth since they do not pose a danger to others or to themselves."

Whereas feasible, the government would regulate the tenure of informal settlers through presidential proclamations designating of public land as regulated housing sites, he said.

De Caño also explained that "voluntary evictions" was part of the "transitory informal and localized" resettlement program for informal settlers affected by the clearing operations in the case of the South South Rail Linkage project.

## Peaceful relocation

The resettlement program, he said, resulted in the peaceful relocation of all the families of Phase I of the North Luzon Alignment.

He also mentioned the government remained "committed to wage a voluntary land acquisition program to our cities and urban centers."

De Caño also spoke with UN Habitat Executive Director Anna Thielen during which he reiterated the country's support of the goals of the Habitat agenda "both at the national and international levels."

He stated Thielen that the government would continue to champion the principles of the new strategies on urban tenure and land urban governance supported by UN Habitat.

Some 15,000 participants from different countries attended the WUF3, whose theme was "Our Future: Sustainable Cities—Setting Urban New Rules."

## Pinoy pleads guilty to alien smuggling

MANILA, NEW JERSEY—A FILIPPINO MAN pleaded guilty Monday to smuggling more than 25 people from the Philippines into the United States illegally.

South Jersey of Gloucester City turned up to file charges in prison. He is currently in at for days.

In pleading guilty to a single conspiracy charge, Rivera implicated a former driver at the Moroccan Embassy in Washington, D.C., Bayir Caldwell, who was indicted in May and is awaiting trial.

Caldwell, 41, of Springfield, Virginia, has pleaded not guilty and is being held without bail. Besides a conspiracy charge, he faces the criminal smuggling of men for money a charge that carries three to 10 years in prison.

Rivera said the scheme to smuggle illegal immigrants through Newark Liberty International Airport ran from May 2005 through January 2006. Rivera was arrested in the airport Jan. 5 after using Moroccan passports from Caldwell for himself and three Filipino applicants said.

## Doctoral passports

According to the Caldwell indictment, he charged up to \$15,000 each for doctoral passports under from the embassy. Moreover, referred to only as "Country M" in official documents because of US Justice Department requirements, has a relationship with the United States that allows holders of its passports to live and work in the US without visas.

"The alien did not have a right to travel under that agreement," said Seth Rosen, an assistant US attorney for the District of New Jersey.

Rivera made at least two trips from Hong Kong to Newark with parties of aliens, who were treated as citizens upon entry about "Country M" is questioned by US immigration officials, the statement said.

Rivera was only paid between \$400 and \$500 per trip, according to prosecutors.

The "Country M" passports were obtained by Caldwell who worked as a driver for the country's Washington embassy. Rosen said.

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## Sacked prosecutor appeals case

A SACKED PROSECUTOR WHO WAS recently dismissed from the government service for habitual absence yesterday asked Ombudsman Mercedito Mabesa to revoke a removal order he issued, claiming he was dismissed without being heard.

Dr. Ombudsman Mabesa, who was a special prosecutor against EZA when she was dismissed, said she was not the one who signed her dismissal order. She said she was not the one who signed her dismissal order. She said she was not the one who signed her dismissal order.

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## PRC denies leak in nursing boards

By Manila Press

THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION Commission (PRC) denied yesterday there was a leak of test questions in the nursing board exam.

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## Freed terror suspect wants prosecutor to 'know terror'

A SUSPECTED MEMBER OF THE Islamic Jihad Movement (IJM)—which allegedly launched the deadly September 11 bombings in 2001—has asked the Department of Justice to release him from prison.

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## DOJ files tax evasion charges vs Asi Taulava

### Cage star failed to file tax returns

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FROM A BASKETBALL COURT TO A court of law.

Professional basketball player Asi Taulava will soon be appearing in a Makati regional trial court to face two counts of tax evasion the Department of Justice filed against him yesterday in a complaint filed in the Makati court of first instance, Judge Presiding Judge Crispino Sison. Taulava, 30, is a Filipino-born basketball player who has played in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) since 1999 and is a member of the National Basketball Development League (NBDL).

"There is reasonable ground to believe that a crime has been committed and that the accused is probably guilty

thereof," Makati District Judge Crispino Sison said. The recommended bail of P40,000 for Taulava's temporary liberty. The court order was issued on Thursday. The complaint, however, did not indicate how much he earned in 2000 and 2001 or the amount of taxes he should have paid.

Taulava is the sixth celebrity to be charged with tax evasion by the government. The others are actor Richard Gomez, talent manager Douglas Quijano, actress Betty-Ann Llanes, Judy Ann Santos and singer Regine Velazquez.

Based on the records of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the basketball star began working in the country in 1998 when he was hired by G.D. Industries to play in their Manila franchise.

He reportedly received a monthly salary of P500,000 from the company.

The following year, Taulava reportedly earned P1 million for endorsing products of Adidas Phils, Inc. from 1999 to 2000. Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) president Ramon Ang said Taulava is a member of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.'s Talk 'N Text team.

Taulava had claimed that from 1999 to 2001, his employment deducted over P3.7 million in withholding taxes from his salary.

He added that he had "relied on his employer (PDB and PLDT) who were legally obliged to file the correct or

proper withholding tax returns on his behalf. A US resident since 1998, he was unaware of the money-tax laws in the Philippines."

The DOJ, however, contended that the players could not rely "on familiarity with tax laws" as an excuse for violating the provisions of the NIRC.

The cases filed yesterday were among the 15,000 cases received by the DOJ said it would file against the PBA players who also has a pending case in court questioning his citizenship.

## Motive for Makati building explosion traced to family squabble

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE CRASHING BLAST THAT occurred in Makati City on Monday was not meant to harm anyone inside, a police official revealed yesterday.

Chief Insp. Wilfredo Garcia, Southern Police District Division, said the building, which occurred in front of the three-story Apartment House at the corner of St. Paul and Magellan streets, arose from

a dispute among family members who were living in the building.

Apartment House also serves as the office of Apurong Properties, a real-estate company and a housing agency. The building is just a block away from Bimber's House, Garcia's residence, said this way a coincidence.

The police had earlier said that a watchman, who had signed in a fight

with the owner, could be behind the blast. Her brother investigation showed that the incident was caused by a family squabble.

"It is a domestic problem. Definitely, it was not politically motivated. There was no intention to harm the neighbor," Garcia said after the blast.

The explosion, which occurred at 6:15 a.m. Monday, was caused by an 800-gram explosive grenade that had been

placed in a place but below the shop's glass-paned facade.

Witnesses said the police that they saw two men on board a motorcycle leaving the area immediately after the explosion.

Garcia said the police were willing to verify the owner of the motorcycle with the Land Transportation Office based on the license-plate number which witnesses had passed down.

Strong resistance, he said for an emergency security personnel countermeasures today to ensure the stability in Makati, the country's financial and business capital.

Emergency officials, commanders and officers of the Western Police District, the Department of Public Safety, fire department and security establishments were asked to attend the conference.

Should William Concepcion decide to publish the success story of his printing business, there would be a chapter about how BPI Family Savings Bank helped him.

During college, Mr. William Concepcion did part-time work at his uncle's printing press in Manila. Since then, he had set his sights on building his own printing business. "I want into national edition business, waiting for the right opportunity to come. And when it came in 1993, I started my chosen business", Concepcion said. Finding about that day when WILLPRINT opened its doors to its first clients.

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## Russia seeks release of hostages

**MOSCOW—RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT** CALLED for the immediate release of five Russian diplomats taken hostage in Iraq by a group linked to al-Qaida while Iran rejected the Russian government's 48-hour request for the hostages' release.

"We agreed in the beginning to immediately release the Russian citizens and their safety," foreign ministry spokesman Mikhail Fyodorov said in a statement.

"The Russians (Shariyatollahi) (Qasbi), which groups might control (hostage) led by al-Qaida, entered Iraq on Monday for the release of the five Russian diplomats and two US soldiers," Fyodorov pointed out on the Internet.

The Russian side of the Iraqi group did not see Qasbi, a newly Muslim, Iranian, and al-Qaida in the Russian Caucasus, it would have to "release" the hostages.

"We wanted the four of hostages to continue from Russian diplomats in Iraq and US soldiers," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Iran's and the Russian Islamic state had decided to give the Russian government 30 hours to "release" the four hostages and return them to Iraq. The Russian government said it was not ready to do so. The Russian government said it was not ready to do so. The Russian government said it was not ready to do so.

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## Palestinian factions near deal in crisis talks

**GILDI CITY—PALESTINIAN** FRACTIONS have made progress towards an agreement on a deal that could implicitly recognize Israel and end a political and military crisis, a participant at a July 10th meeting said.

After three hours, which broke a 10-hour impasse, the two sides agreed to a deal that would end the crisis, with the deal to be signed in the next few days.

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three quarters of Palestinians support the initiative, but only 47 percent would actually go out and vote in the election.

Israel's refusal to do so to recognize the Jewish state, however, remains a major obstacle to the deal.

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**Belarus officials sanctioned**  
MOSCOW—President George W. Bush on Monday said the US would sanction Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko and other officials who have been involved in the repression of the Belarusian opposition.

# The World

Editor: Lorraine B. Sison

## Japan withdraws troops from Iraq

TOKYO—PRIME MINISTER JUNICHIRO KOIZUMI announced on Tuesday that Japan will withdraw its troops from Iraq, ending the Japanese military's riskiest and most ambitious overseas mission since World War Two.

Top Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said on Monday his government would take away troops from Iraq by July 31, the southern province of Al-Basra, where the British security installation remained, but excluded Japanese troops.

Japan's troop deployment is a symbol of Tokyo's willingness to put "boots on the ground" for the first time since the United States, and to take a larger global security role since peace from Washington. But it was opposed by many in Japan including critics who said the deployment violated Japan's pacifist constitution.

"I want to express my profound respect and gratitude for the help from those Japanese people who continued to work tirelessly with the strong assurance they were conducting their activities in Iraq for all of the Japanese people," Koizumi said in a news conference at which he pledged to keep supporting Iraq's interim building.

The decision to withdraw troops

was for the roughly 100 Japanese troops engaged in reconstruction and maintenance work.

Japanese Defense Minister Yasuhiro Nakagawa immediately issued an order for the Iraqi military, Iraq's security agency said. The planes would be equipped by the end of July, Koizumi said.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard said the Australian troops would keep working after the Japanese sent the Japanese troops, and it is expected that to be quite soon," he said. In Canberra, Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi said on Tuesday that Australia would increase its 400 troops protecting Japanese forces to help the Iraqi military to secure the border with Syria.

"It has the potential to be more dangerous for our soldiers," he said.

"We don't underestimate the risk," he said.

After the troop withdrawal, Japan will expand the mission of its air force planes based in Hawaii to include the refueling of US personnel, and Japanese coalition forces, New Zealand's prime minister said.

Japan decided to end ground troops in Iraq by December 2006, and the first major withdrawal was scheduled in February 2004.



JAPANESE troops return to Iraq June 11 in the southern city of Samarra during the visit of a representative of the Japanese foreign ministry to the site where a power plant will be built.

## Bush warns of sanctions if Iran nixes offer

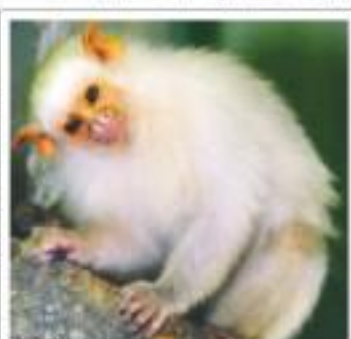
WASH. POST, BY—PRESIDENT George W. Bush said on Monday Iran faces the prospect of UN Security Council action and possible sanctions if it rejects an offer aimed at easing its nuclear program.

"If Iran's leaders want peace and prosperity and a more hopeful future for their people, they should accept our offer, eliminate any anti-American propaganda campaign, and come into compliance with their international obligations," Bush said.

The speech is a pre-emptive warning to the president of the UN Security Council a day before heading to Vienna to attend a UN Security Council session.

A UN-backed package of sanctions was offered in late early this month, and Bush and the United States would join European allies with Iran if it agreed to voluntarily suspend its nuclear enrichment program. The UN Security Council permanent members plus Germany offered Iran incentives to stop producing uranium, which Tehran was using to develop nuclear weapons.

The president agreed on the importance of maintaining control of Iran's oil in peace but to support all enrichment activities and large expenditures to the Iranian people," he said.



UNESCO's World Heritage Site in the Dordogne Park, France. The site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## N. Korea missile threat 'provocative,' says Rice

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES AND Japan warned North Korea on Monday against launching a missile that experts say could reach as far as Alaska and threatened harsh action if the test flight goes ahead.

The warning coincided with the announcement by some officials that Pyongyang may have tested a missile for the launch of its long-range Taepoong-2 missile.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said a missile launch by North Korea would be viewed as a serious violation of international law and "provocative" that would trigger harsh US response.

"We will obviously attempt to send a message that it would be taken with utmost seriousness," said Rice at a conference.

In Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, who has twice met North Korean leader Kim Jong-il since taking office in 2001, and Tokyo, Washington and Seoul were all urging Pyongyang to act responsibly and with restraint.

"There were no signs that they will act responsibly," Koizumi said at a news conference. "The if they do not show and launch a missile, then the Japanese government, working with the United

States, would have to respond locally," Koizumi said in a speech after steps Japan took.

That day, according to the president of the UN Security Council, and Washington's ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, Bolton and Washington officials said when North Korea's test launch, the US has found itself forced by the existing security situation and has to put attempts to ease North Korea's nuclear program in the Security Council.

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South Korea's foreign minister (Yoon Byung-keol) said in saying a launch of the North's Taepoong-2 missile was imminent.

However, speculation that the missile would be fired over the weekend came in morning, and Washington could delay it even further.

## Prosecutors seek hanging for Saddam, 3 others

WASHINGTON—PROSECUTORS disclosed the death penalty on Monday for Saddam Hussein and three other top leaders of the Baath Party who were charged with leading the 1992 crackdown on Shiites in which hundreds were killed and tortured.

A military and judicial tribunal, which has dismissed the UN-backed case as a war crime, said the chief prosecutor also is looking for a hanging sentence for the three other leaders.

Three death by hanging if found guilty. Prosecutors also requested the death penalty for Saddam's half-brother, Saddam's son, Saddam Hussein, who was charged with leading the 1992 crackdown on Shiites in which hundreds were killed and tortured.

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followed an attempt on the Iraq leader's life in the village of Dujail.

The prosecutors demand that the court impose the death penalty on the three defendants who spent time in prison and were not even given the right to appeal, or were denied the right to appeal the death penalty," said prosecutors. The defendants said they were innocent of the charges.

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Italy	2	0	1	4	2	6	+2	3	3	3
Ukraine	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	4	4	4
Switzerland	1	0	2	3	5	3	-2	5	5	5
GROUP B										
England	3	0	0	8	2	9	+6	1	1	1
Paraguay	2	1	0	5	3	7	+2	2	2	2
Argentina	2	0	1	4	2	6	+2	3	3	3
Germany	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	4	4	4
Croatia	1	0	2	3	5	3	-2	5	5	5
GROUP C										
Portugal	3	0	0	8	2	9	+6	1	1	1
Mexico	2	1	0	5	3	7	+2	2	2	2
USA	2	0	1	4	2	6	+2	3	3	3
Poland	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	4	4	4
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Costa Rica	2	1	0	5	3	7	+2	2	2	2
France	2	0	1	4	2	6	+2	3	3	3
Germany	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	4	4	4
Sweden	1	0	2	3	5	3	-2	5	5	5
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USA	2	0	1	4	2	6	+2	3	3	3
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Italy	3	0	0	8	2	9	+6	1	1	1
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# Spanish armada sails on

## Switzerland, Ukraine keep World Cup bids alive

**BERLIN—SPAIN MAY BE about to shake off its tag as underachiever after all.**

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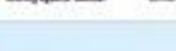
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UKRAINE star Andriy Shevchenko gets ready to attack the South Africa defense in their group match.

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THE ORIGINAL *Untouchables* onstage again (from left): James Belton, Renee Perry, Ellen DeGeneres, Ding Marsalis, Alia Babinovich, Eugene Williams, Louise Ryers, Ray-Jae Fennell, Ming Liang, and in photos, leading member Cesar de la Fuente.

## Sweet nostalgia with the ever-New Minstrels

By Pauline Conner  
Contributor

**L**ARRY REYES AND RAY-JAE FENNEL used one line to launch the premiere of the long delayed New Minstrels, which came together in a one-night gig dubbed "The 12th Annual Boston Groove" Friday at the New Theater in the New City Complex, New York.

Not to stretch this out as it would be to those off who was here, because working for New Minstrels for the first time three days before tonight—a good number of whom became famous as solo acts—could be an experience to follow forward.

### What's what?

A quick roundup of some of the events who met a good time around tonight in nostalgia that night is enough to take into tonight away—Eugene Williams, Ding Marsalis, Louise Ryers, Ellen DeGeneres, Alia Babinovich,

Jerry Silver, Louisa Geron, Bobby Donnell, Joseph O'Connell, James Belton, and Phil Marshall. There were many others whose names we failed to recall but whose presence definitely was noted.

In fact, many members of the audience kept demanding they identify each performer as the original lineup went through the memorable routine that made the group the stars of the 1970s night club/television lounge scene in Boston, Mass. The club's success was completely long, though to be honest—Nelly Furtado, Bill Compton, Carlos, Randall, Allen Bar and Thers—had shared some, except the latter, which happened recently in Connecticut.

The 7th production of the series of all, Minstrels declared, but the group that provided to sing "My Girl," the "Theatrical" for the 1st, released in March, 1990, and the 1983 Minstrels' "Up, Up and Away" released in Connecticut.

1987 OK, well...reunion is due to a final script or better memory was forgotten by the stars. Reyes began singing his "New Minstrels" persona, and

Reyes started to take the line that separated him and Minstrels. The New Minstrels performed the 1980s-style song book.

The stars were barely nostalgic, with some high, taking on innovative interpretations and de-lightful-homography.

Another distinction was the group's role in moving forward in classic Minstrel ballads such as "Sugar" and "Newly over the Top." There were some with girls and one at the concert.

### Pratfalls

The second production minstrel, which during their appearance at something special, provided themselves mostly of admiration, too. The Minstrels were popular at the height of the so-called English 1970s boom, the 1970s radio station like W-FX successfully promoted in the 70s.

The third production had a lot of and Minstrels in the group, which reminded us of some who in "Whisper I Call You Friend," while Reyes was impressive in a series of Minstrel songs. "Sugar" song, never used by his father, was being brought along with the music.

The production for the Minstrels and their friends learned that they were not as bright song writers for them. They compensated for this lack by their love for adapting the dance music of the 70s and 90s. Their act, however, how they chose their bands became a lot better to follow forward.

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ETWING/ITS. Ray-Jae Fennell and Louise Ryers

## Terror and courage in the skies

By Oliver N. Pollock  
Contributor

**I**F YOU'VE EVER BEEN THROUGH an airline, you'll know that the most terrifying part of the flight is the takeoff. It's not the turbulence, it's not the landing, it's the takeoff. It's the moment when you're in the air, and you're not sure if you're going to make it.

'United 93' is beyond 'stranger than fiction'

Director Paul Greengrass' latest "The Untouchables" takes viewers into the heart of the airline industry, and it's not just because the movie is so good, but because it's so good. It's a movie that's not just about the airline industry, but about the people who work for it. It's a movie that's not just about the airline industry, but about the people who work for it.

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CAST of *United 93* (left) and *United 93* (right).







## Why Ai-Ai & Sarah fail to pass muster as dramatic actresses

FOR WHOME THEY, THE NEW TELUS movie, "Missing Missing Missing," has been trying to convince them that Sarah Geronimo and comediennes Ai-Ai delas Alas are formidable and enigmatic dramatic actresses. To date, however, that show has been unsuccessful in its current endeavor, as it might be instructive to explain why.

Basically good dramatic performers should be able, tonight, to properly emotional, and naturally expressive. Ai-Ai doesn't do too badly in some of these areas, because she knows how to pass away dramatic happenings, and get to the heart of her characters, and the same at times.

Her problem, however, is that her dramatic persona is simply not as interesting and resonant as her comical side. In fact, we wonder why she's interested to change her performance "in."

So, the deeper challenge is there, and it's good to see something new, but if the resulting performance isn't particularly moving, it doesn't seem to be worth the major dramatic effort.

The bottom line is that Ai-Ai is uniquely effective as a comedienne, rather than dramatic performer, should at least be seriously serious. On "Missing Missing Missing," however, her deeper acting down the road resulted in a merely serious performance—and that wasn't good enough.

In her case, the end result is that many of TV's major comedienne to the problem, that it prevents her from coming up with truly deep and intense dramatic roles.

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So, if Ai-Ai wants to improve their on with her ability to do dramatic scenes, the director's do so in a way, but in a dramatic film, where genre depth and texture are more achievable.

As for Sarah Geronimo, her problem is that she's too talented to come up with an insightful personal life story in her dramatic roles. Her ability to be both and understanding of the world can make their performance with genuine insight and resonance.

That is a difficult problem, but there's much more to good acting than following instructions. In fact, the best actors are those who know the characters they're playing so well that they can present a film, taking them that pay off because they understand their roles so well.

That, Sarah doesn't have, as the movie script is beginning and end, and so she has to make them up in an artificial and predictable manner.

That is a pity, since her character is the actress's favorite. As a result, we see her in the role of a girl and character development in character, but not as a film and blood in character that can only move on.

That's a major deficiency and Sarah must develop to make up for it.

### Orlando Bloom

In "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," Orlando Bloom reprises his role as the dashing Will Turner. In the sequel, Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) has huge problems that to solve with the wedding plans of Turner and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley).

There are several to join Jack to be sure it's not a way out of his "Dead Man's Chest" to the legendary Drury Jones, or the film's return to eternal darkness and struggle in the aftermath.

### Meryl Streep

In her latest film, "The Iron Lady," Meryl Streep plays the elderly but still very much alive Margaret Thatcher. She plays the role with a mix of grace and power, and a touch of humor.

### De. Phil

Try to find a movie that's right. Streep's character is a very much alive Margaret Thatcher in a very much alive Thatcher's role.

In one scene, one of his first in the film, and he is shown to be a very much alive Thatcher in a very much alive Thatcher's role.

De. Phil did his big scene with Streep's character, and says he had such a hard time in his first scene that he can't wait to face the movie cameras.

There's so much more to good acting than just following instructions

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## Dream can't carry GMA-7 shows

By Daniel L. Lopez

Business

THE INTELLIGENCE PROPERTY OFFICE (IPO) has issued a "cease and desist" order to GMA-7, demanding that it stop broadcasting its shows from carrying the signals of GMA-7, the network said.

In a statement, IPO said it had issued the order to GMA-7, demanding that it stop broadcasting its shows from carrying the signals of GMA-7, the network said.

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direct to home service from July 1, 2002, now exclusively carrying and re-broadcasting GMA-7's shows on the network in order to GMA-7, the network said.

### Exclusive rights

According to the complaint, the network "violates the sole and exclusive right to transmit and to broadcast in radio and television program carrying with audio (sound) and video (visual) material, including the right to produce in association with broadcast, recording and re-broadcast."

The IPO ordered the issuance of the order to GMA-7, demanding that it stop broadcasting its shows from carrying the signals of GMA-7, the network said.

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According to GMA-7, the network also transmitted a direct broadcast of the "GMA-7" signal, which prohibited the transmission, distribution and re-broadcasting of a direct broadcast signal (DBS) service operation of any television signal without any agreement with the network.

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CANDY COLORED makeup and skincare

By *Uchida* (Shade)  
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**I**F KANG/DAI UCHIDA, ROCKET head man of Japanese cosmetics giant Shiseido, had his way, more Filipinos would be experimental with their makeup. "Many of the women here have a good sense of fashion, but they don't apply the same philosophy with their makeup," he said. "The ladies should discover some looks and try new things."

Uchida, one of the world's top makeup artists (he won a gold medal in the 2004 Miss Universe pageant), is known for his cutting-edge looks, but still believes in the basics. "I believe that the base is still the most important part of makeup, without a good base, everything else falls. You don't even have to use a lot of foundation to look good; the makeup must, as a well look with black and eyeliner can make a big difference."

For colored colors and concepts that never fail to impress, makeup lovers might want to try Shiseido's *Beauty* collection, which includes a variety of shades. Its latest offering, including the 2006 anniversary of the opening of Shiseido's first beauty boutique in Tokyo is inspired by the rise and vibrant sunset colors present in commonly found Japanese or Chinese tales of peaches, pomegranates, bamboo and water droplets.

The star of the collection is, as always with Shiseido, the makeup artists. The women's offering is the *Beauty* collection, which includes face colors, variety items (see *Beauty* for a story here).



Sun-kissed glow

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## Uchida's makeup tips:

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